REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	30 September 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Lick My Leather
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Star Distributors
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Lick My Leather* has been classified as:
Objectionable.

The book contains material that is deemed to be objectionable under several of the criteria listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act).

The book is considered to promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel persons to submit to sexual conduct, and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty. It contains several descriptions of rape, and of persons being forced at gunpoint to undertake sexual activity on the threat of death. It also contains repeated descriptions of persons being made to undergo extremely painful treatment in the course of sexual activity. All of these activities are described in a sexualised manner, intended to titillate the reader. This has the effect of promoting and supporting such activity, making it present as a legitimate means of conducting sexual activity.

The book tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. One of the characters is constantly referred to in terms of her child-like qualities, underscoring the fact of her youth. Her youth is therefore sexualised, and presented for the arousal of the adult reader.

The book also tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. One passage describes a female urinating over a male's face, followed by the male being forced to perform cunnilingus on the female. This description is again intended to titillate the reader.

The rights and freedoms contained within s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 cannot be applied to this publication, because it is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2) of the FVPC Act.

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